

# FRENCH SEIZE FIRST LINE GERMAN TRENCHES

## FRENCH REPORT SUCCESS ALONG THE SOMME RIVER

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MANY PRISONERS TAKEN

Austrians Repulse Italians by Hurling Stones Down the Mountainside.

PARIS, July 20.—French attacks in the Somme region were delivered Wednesday night on both sides of the river. On the north bank trenches in the Hardecourt sector were taken while south of the river all the German front line trenches between Barleux and Soyecourt fell into French hands.

Announcement of the French successes is made in Thursday's war office bulletin.

Trenches were captured on the north bank from Hardecourt-Mamelon to the east of Hardecourt along the railway from Comblest Clery. Four hundred prisoners were captured in this operation.

In the Verdun region there was a continuous bombardment of the Avocourt and Chattancourt sectors on the left bank of the Meuse with a grenade engagement to the northeast of Hill 304.

On the east bank of the Meuse the French progressed west of Thiaumont earthworks while on the south of Fleury they took a strongly fortified German post together with 150 prisoners.

A German aeroplane was brought down in the Somme region east of Peronne.

### TURKISH VICTORIES REPULED IN PERSIA

CONSTANTINOPLE, July 20.—Turkish victories in Persia and the Caucasus were announced Thursday by the war office. The statement follows:

"East of Sineh, Persia. Russian forces, which attacked our detachment were driven off. They left behind great numbers of dead."

"In the Caucasus on our right wing our advanced posts made successful surprise attacks."

### AUSTRIANS REPULSE ATTACKS BY ITALIANS

BERLIN, July 20.—Hurling stones down the mountainside the Austrians repulsed three strong Italian attacks near Borcola pass, the official statement issued Wednesday at Vienna reports.

### STRIKE ENDS.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., July 20.—Seven hundred employees of the Corborendum Company on strike since July 13 returned to work Thursday. Fifty per cent of the increase in wages asked for was granted.

### FORFEIT BONDS.

Five persons arrested in a police raid on a house on First street Wednesday night forfeited their bonds of \$11.60 each by failing to appear in police court Thursday morning for trial. Those arrested, two women and three men, were charged with assembling for immoral purposes and gambling. They gave fictitious names. Officers taking part in the raid were Patrolmen Davisson, Ice and Foltz.

## SHEET OF FIGURES TELLS A BIG STORY

Deals with Country's Finances and is a Masterpiece in Accountancy.

A sheet of figures in the office of the sheriff representing the annual settlement of the county treasurer who is the sheriff tells a big story in more than one way. First, it shows the county's financial transactions for the fiscal year ended June 30 last, and, second, it represents a work of perfect efficiency on the part of Deputy Sheriff Leo P. Caulfield, office accountant, assisted by J. J. Killen, office clerk.

The sheet of paper is 120 inches long and it contains 128 columns of figures, dealing with sixty funds including the total column, namely: dog, justice fines, county bridge, ten permanent road, ten regular road, fourteen teachers, fourteen building, five school bond and two high school funds, showing in detail the total amount of levy of real estate and personal property, interest, delinquent personal property, delinquent real estate, property improperly charged, discount given to taxpayers, commissions, sheriff's tax sales and redemption, state and road capitation taxes, public service taxes, moneys received from the state auditor for schools, balance from the last settlement, miscellaneous receipts, taxes exonerated, overdrafts and orders paid.

The settlement required a voluminous work on the part of Mr. Caulfield who compiled the same for the sheriff, presented it to the county

## DEMOCRATS MEET TO PLAN CAMPAIGN

New Third District Congressional Committee Organizes at Waldo Hotel Here.

Members of the Democratic executive committee of the Third congressional district gathered here Thursday for the purpose of effecting an organization and arranging of preliminary campaign. A number of prominent Democrats of the district also met with the committee.

This is the first meeting of the committee since its election in the recent statewide primary. It was called by Thomas I. Cummings, of Weston, the chairman of the old committee, and it began pursuant to the call at 3 o'clock in the afternoon in the assembly hall of the Waldo hotel.

The members of the committee are A. N. Breckenridge, Nicholas county; A. P. Smith, Webster county; Charles Greer, Braxton county; Dr. W. T. Hornbrink, Clay county; Thomas I. Cummings, Lewis county; Cary Bennett, Gilmer county; Guy Bailey, Calhoun county; Ill A. Strickler, Ritchie county; O. J. Prunty, Doddridge county, and Dr. J. W. Johnson of Harrison county.

## SEVENTY-THREE DEAD

From the Recent Storm in Five Southern States and the List is Growing.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., July 20.—The list of deaths from Sunday's flood in five southern states, which has been constantly growing as channels of communication were restored, stood at seventy-three Thursday with nine persons still reported missing. Most of the deaths have been in western North Carolina, and investigators returning Thursday from isolated mountain hamlets brought reports that raised the death toll from Wednesday's thirty-four.

## INTERVENTION

In the Cloakmakers' Strike in New York is Asked of President Wilson.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—President Wilson Thursday received a request from Henry Morganthau, former ambassador to Turkey; Cleveland H. Dodge, A. Barton Hepburn and several other New York men, asking that the federal government intervene in the cloakmakers' strike which has been in progress in New York for twelve months.

The petition was made on the ground that the strike threatened the supply of women's clothing for the whole nation.

## FINED FOR STEALING A RIDE.

For stealing a ride on a train in the local railroad yards, John Uiles, Steven Gales, John Macarino and Boyd Lorenz were fined \$5 and costs each Thursday in Magistrate T. G. Nicewarner's court. The first named two paid but the others were remanded to jail in default.

## PLAGUE

Kills Thirty-One Children in the City of New York in Twenty-Four Hours.

NEW YORK, July 20.—On only one day since the inception of the epidemic of infantile paralysis, on June 26, have more fatalities from the disease occurred than in the last twenty-four hours. During this period the plague killed thirty-one children and there were 119 new cases reported in New York City.

## TEN NEW CASES ARE OUTSIDE OF THE CITY

ALBANY, July 20.—Ten new cases of infantile paralysis, bringing the total since the start of the epidemic to 171 outside of greater New York, were reported Thursday.

## TROPICAL STORM

Headed North is Apparently 200 Miles Off the Coast of North Carolina.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—The tropical storm making its way up the Atlantic coast from the West Indies apparently was centered Thursday morning 200 miles off the North Carolina coast. Very little information had reached the weather bureau early Thursday morning. The only reports came by radio from ships at sea in the vicinity of the storm.

Latest despatches told of a wind with a velocity of sixty-four miles an hour, but these were from the edges of the disturbance. They indicate that the storm is moving slowly northward.

## WESTERN UNION

Makes It Easy to Wire Money to the "Boys" on the Border.

The Western Union Telegraph Company announces that until further notice it will make telegraphic transfers of money to members of the national guard who have been mustered into the federal service at the Mexican border, at one-half the usual charges for such service. It is understood that in their hurried departure many of the guardsmen failed to reckon on the high cost at the border of some of the conveniences and comforts which are not included in the provision which Uncle Sam makes for his soldiers, and their relatives and friends doubtless will be interested to learn of this arrangement whereby much appreciated funds can be quickly transferred by telegraph at a low cost. The proposition is the more attractive from the fact that messages of affection, cheer, etc., may be incorporated in the transfers at a small added charge for the extra words involved.

## SELF CHOSEN

New President of the National Association of Postmasters in Convention.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—Election of officers and adoption of the constitution Thursday practically concluded business of the National Association of Postmasters nineteenth annual convention. President Wilson and several cabinet officers will attend a banquet Thursday night.

Colin M. Selp, of St. Louis, president; Eugene N. Shannon, of Nashville, Tenn., secretary; and Frank C. Stites, of Harrisburg, Pa., treasurer, all were re-elected.

A new name for the organization—the National Association of Presidential Postmasters of the United States—was provided in the new constitution adopted.

## QUARANTINE

Is Likely to Be Lifted from the Mobilization Camp at Fort Thomas by Saturday.

FORT THOMAS, Ky., July 20.—By Saturday, it is expected, the quarantine at Fort Thomas which was drawn at Private Herman Cress of F company, Second regiment, Kentucky National Guard, was found to be suffering from a mild case of smallpox, will be lifted. Cress is on the road to complete recovery. About 100 rejected soldiers were sent to their homes Wednesday night.

## BEIGIANS COMING.

ROTTERDAM, July 20.—The Holland-America line steamship Noordam sailed for New York at 5:30 o'clock Thursday morning. On board are about fifty Belgian women and children who are being sent to join relatives and friends in the United States and Canada under the arrangement made by the Rev. John B. Deville, of Chicago. Father Deville returns to Belgium Thursday for more refugees.

## TEACHERS ARE TAKING LAST EXAMINATION

That Will Be Given This Year in the County for Certificates to Teach.

The third and last teachers' examination in this county for the year began at the Carle school house near here Thursday morning and will end Friday evening. The examination is being held by Carl S. Lawson, county superintendent, assisted by G. W. Lawson, of this city.

The branches submitted Thursday were history, arithmetic, civil government, theory and art of teaching and physiology. Friday the applicants for certificates will be examined in grammar, agriculture, orthography, penmanship, reading and geography.

Those taking the examination are as follows:

**Special in Music.**  
Martha Tate, city.  
High School.  
Walter C. Preston, Lewisburg.  
Renewals.  
Sylvia B. Saurbourn, of Bridgeport, and Henry C. Lockney, of Salem.

**Elementary.**  
Lula Vash, Wilsonburg; Esther E. Bowman, city; Earl B. Bell, Jane Lew; Marjorie Cunningham, city; Harvey Dodd, Glen Falls; Katherine Galvey, city; Fred Hall, Reynoldsville; Hattie Haggerty, Wolf Summit; Hattie J. Heckert, Bridgeport; Okey J. Hall, Lost Creek; Dall Johnson, Shinnston; Mary L. Jackson, Big Springs; Gertrude M. Litter, city; Otis Lowther, city; Bessie Sayman, Bridgeport; Pansy N. Morgan, Shinnston; McLinley Monroe, Brown; Freda M. Nuzum, Salem; Porter Nutter, city; L. Wayman Ogden, Demy Riggs, Hur; Hadyon Randolph, West Milford; Julia G. Robinson, Mount Clare; Bessie M. Robey, Wallace; Nola Simmons, city; Harry Slawter, Bridgeport; Aubert Stuart, Phillip; Joseph M. Simon, Mount Clare; Hazel F. Thornberry, West Milford; Inez E. Tuck, city; Ford Valentine, Auburn; Edgar W. Ward, Reynoldsville; Roscoe R. White, Camden; Jesse J. Willis, Shinnston; Homer Wilson, Copen; and Estelle W. Winfrey, city.

## CONFERENCE

Of the United Brethren Church is to Be Held at Stealey Heights.

The West Virginia conference of the United Brethren in Christ, will hold its regular annual meeting this year at the Duff street United Brethren church at Stealey Heights, beginning September 6 at 9 a. m., and continuing over the following Sunday.

The program setting forth all the sessions and services of this important church meeting is now in the making by the devotional committee, and will soon be ready for the printer.

## ZEPPELIN HIT

Several Times by Russian Anti-Aircraft and Wrecked near Town of Tukum.

LONDON, July 20.—The Zeppelin which recently raided Riga was hit several times by Russian anti-aircraft guns and wrecked near Tukum, according to a Central News despatch from The Hague, quoting reports received at Cologne.

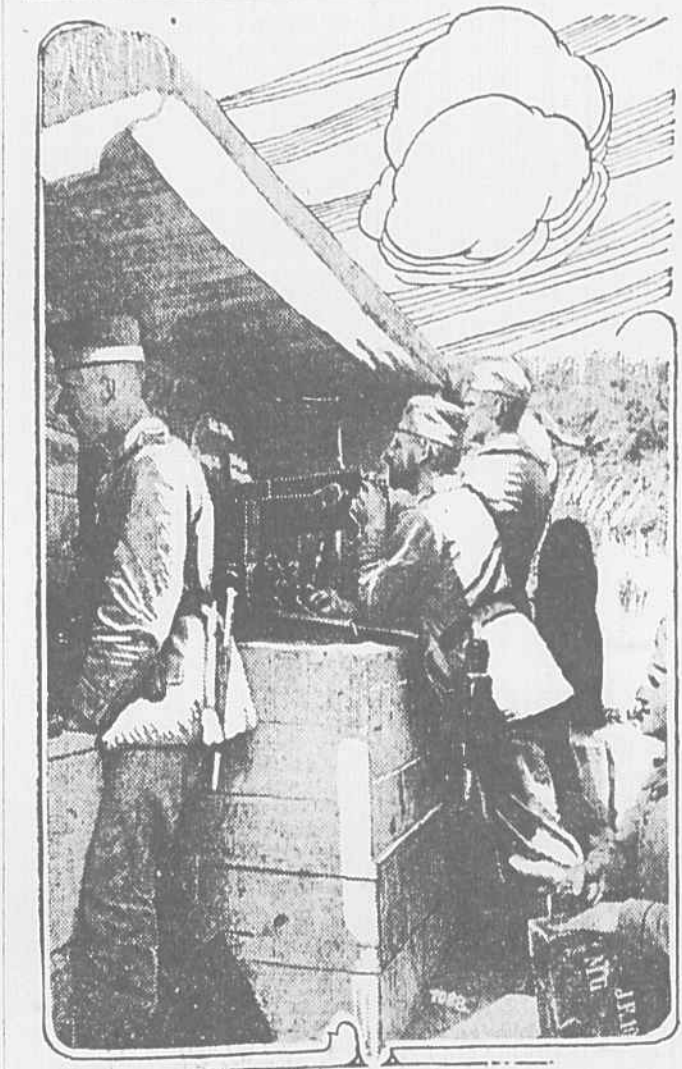
The majority of the crew of the airship was saved, and German engineers rescued the engine and other parts of the machinery.

## NOT SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Joseph Francois, six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil J. Francois, of 315 Jefferson street, who was struck by an automobile driven by Curtis Mason in Third street Wednesday evening, is resting easy at his home today and save for a few bruises and slight cuts is all right. He was taken to St. Mary's hospital following the accident but was able to be taken to his home at a late hour Wednesday night.

## HEAVY FIGHTING GOES ON ON SOMME RIVER FRONT

GERMAN MACHINE GUN, IN BOMBPROOF SHELTER, FIRES 600 SHOTS A MINUTE



German gun crew operating machine gun from bombproof shelter of earth, grass and timber.

This deadly German machine gun, which has added greatly to the cost in men of the present allied offensive, fires 600 bullets a minute and is raking the enemy's rifle pits, two hundred metres away. The gun is mounted on an elevation made of planks and filled with earth and is covered with a bombproof shelter.

## CIVILIAN CRUISE WILL START ON AUGUST 15

With a Full Quota of 2,000 Citizen Sailors for a Month's Novel Experience.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—Enrollment of civilians for the forthcoming cruise on United States warships is proceeding with indications that the experiment is popular, and there is no doubt that the full quota of 2,000 citizen sailors, ranging all the way from 19 to 45 years of age, will be ready to carry their baggage aboard the practice fleet on August 15. The men will board the ships at the ports nearest their home, and in the month's duration of the cruise will be given experience in almost every form of naval life from swabbing decks to firing big guns. The enrollment thus far shows men of all trades and professions, many prominent and wealthy, who are enthusiastic about the experiment of naval preparedness. Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, of the navy department, expects to spend at least some of the month as one of the citizen blue jackets.

Rear Admiral J. M. Helm, who is at present in charge of the naval militia cruise, will be commander-in-chief of the civilian cruise also, and will use the same warships. The vessels, an dthe ports from which they will sail are, the Virginia, from Portland, Me.; the Kearsarge, from Boston, Mass.; the Illinois, from Newport, R. I.; the Kentucky and Maine, from New York City; the Rhode Island and Alabama, from Philadelphia; the Louisiana, from Norfolk, Va.; and the New Jersey, from Charleston, S. C.

To End September 12.

The cruise will end September 12 and during its last week will be held a mobilization and training cruise of yachts and motor-boats. From August 15 until August 20, the citizen sailors will be proceeding to the training rendezvous at Tangier Sound, in Chesapeake bay, the gunnery practice ground of the Atlantic fleet. Target practice will be held by the training fleet from August 27 to September 5.

The object of the cruise is officially described by Secretary Daniels as follows:

"For training volunteers to afford to civilians an opportunity to gain, by contact with naval life and naval duties, some experience and understanding which will help them to perceive the way they may best fit themselves for service in the navy in time of need."

To Receive Certificates.

At the end of the cruise each volunteer will receive a certificate.

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## ANDERSON GIVES BAIL.

William Anderson, the negro of near Erie who was jailed a few days ago to await a hearing under a charge of selling liquor at his boarding house there and who was subsequently held for the action of the grand jury, has obtained his release from the county jail by furnishing the usual bonds.

## DIAMOND RING OFFER IS BUT THREE DAYS MORE

Bonus Vote Offer Next Week, the Last Week of the Campaign, Will Be Small.

Only three more days and the diamond ring offer will be closed and with it will come the reduction of votes. The bonus vote offer will be small the last week and despite what your friends tell you, you will receive more votes for your subscriptions now than next week. This means that your biggest and best opportunity is here now and if you do not take advantage of it this week, you must have more business next week to get the same amount of votes.

Every Reader Should Vote.

Every reader of the Telegram should vote in this big campaign. By paying a year's subscription to the Telegram, you can cast thousands of votes for your favorite. This will be an appreciated kindness and will not cost you anything extra as you will pay for the

Where, It is Announced, the British Forces Gain Still More Ground.

## LINES PUSHED FORWARD

Russian Forces Occupy Kugi, Junction of High Roads in Erzerum District.

LONDON, July 20.—Heavy fighting continues on the Somme front. The war office announced Thursday that the British had gained ground in Delville wood and Longueval. North of the Longueval-Bazentin positions the British pushed forward their line. East of the Leipsa redoubt bombing parties made a successful advance during the night.

## IMPORTANT JUNCTION IS OCCUPIED BY RUSSIANS

PETROGRAD, July 20.—The war office announced Thursday that Kugi, an important point in the Caucasus, was occupied by the Russians on Tuesday.

Kugi is a junction point of high roads in the Erzerum district.

## GREAT BATTLE IS SAID TO BE DEVELOPING NOW

LONDON, July 20.—A wireless despatch from Rome says it is reported from Petrograd that a great battle is developing at Jahnolita, the results of which so far have been successful to the Russians. In addition to the heavy fighting in the Carpathians the Russian offensive has been resumed before Kovel and Vladimir-Volynsk, and in the Riga area.

Jahnolita is in the Carpathians, south of Kolomea, near the northern end of one of the mountain passes leading to Hungary.

## PAUL KOENIG

Puts On His Uniform the First Time in Eleven Days and Boards His Liner.

BALTIMORE, July 20.—Prepared to leave at any moment, Captain Paul Koenig, commander of the German merchant submarine Deutschland put on his uniform Thursday for the first time since he landed here eleven days ago and for several hours Thursday morning studied the charts of the Patuxent river and Chesapeake bay with Captain Frederick Hinsch, commander of the North German Lloyd liner Neckar.

When Captain Koenig went back aboard the undersea liner he took with him a duplicate manifest of the ship's cargo. Another copy was ready to be taken to the customs house. Captain Koenig said he would not leave his ship again and indicated an early departure but said nothing that would give an idea just when the submersible would leave. It is understood the submarine's engines and submerging machinery had been given a final test and found to be in perfect condition.

## BITTER DEBATE

Is Caused by Effort to Inject an Anti-Catholic Plank in the "Dry" Platform.

ST. PAUL, July 20.—Whether William Sulzer, of New York, by a last hour appearance before the national prohibition convention could rally enough delegates to his support to defeat J. Frank Hanly, of Indiana, for the presidential nomination, was the question that predominated virtually every discussion when the convention was called to order Thursday morning.